# Chestnut Grove news

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Bepass, Mrs. Gil Price, David, and Tommy visited Sunday with Mrs. Janie Bepass at Heritage Hall at Blackstone.

Carolyn Martin of Georgia spent the weekend in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Talbert and also visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Bowling near Curdsville.

Mrs. Ester Forbes has returned to her home from the hospital.

The Senior Citizens of the community were entertained Saturday evening with a supper given by the Youth and G.A.S. of the Chestnut Grove Sunday School.

Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Beasley and Cal of Troutville spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Kelly Branch at Buckingham and Mr. and Mrs. Kemper M. Beasley Sr. here.

Danny Senger and Diane Witt were united in marriage at the Chestnut Grove Baptist Church Friday night. Rev. John E. Mann, Sr. performed the ceremony.

Mr. and Mrs. John Meek and family of Virginia Beach spent the weekend with Mrs. Ester Forbes.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Johnson of Farmville were Sunday dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Senger.

Sunday afternoon visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roger Morris were Mrs. Rice Seay, Mrs. W. A. Haver, Donna and Bill, all of Appomattox.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Morris were Sunday visitors of Mrs. Ester Forbes and Mrs. Glover.

Mrs. T. M. Manis and Mrs. Kemper Beasley Sr. visited Patricia Manis at Lynchburg Training School and Hospital Saturday and were there for Legislators' Day and Annual Christmas Parade.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Clark and two of Mr. Russel L. Harris nieces visited in his home Sunday. They were from Charlotte Court House.

Sunday supper guest in the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Waycaster of Dillwyn were Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Morris, Charles Morris of Richmond, Nancy Wilson and Mrs. Louie Foster, both of Farmville; Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Morris of Curdsville, Sammy Ranson of Dillwyn.

Supper guest Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. K. M. Beasley, Jr. were Mr. and Mrs. Edward T. Cook; Kenneth and Randy of Prospect.

Pete F. Harris, Johnny M. Harris, Joe L. Harris and H. Flood Harris attended the funeral of their uncle, P. Monroe Harris in Richmond Thursday.

## Locals complete Army training

Private Jerry B. Trent Jr., son of Jerry B. Trent Sr. of Route 2, Concord, Va., and Alease J. Trent, also of Concord, recently completed One Station Unit Training (OSUT) at the U. S. Army Infantry School, Fort Benning, Ga.

OSUT is a 12-week period which combines basic combat training and advanced individual training.

The training included weapons qualifications, squad tactics, patrolling, land mine warfare, field communications and combat operations. This qualifies the soldier as a light weapons infantryman and as an indirect fire crewman.

Soldiers were taught to perform any of the duties in a rifle or mortar squad.

## Annual meeting is held

Pamplin Community Center, Inc. held its Annual Meeting on December 16 at Elon Baptist Church. President, Horace W. Coleman, Jr. informed the members of progress toward repayment of the loan for the development of the Pamplin Community Center. President Coleman indicated that the original $25.000 note should be repaid in full by the end of 1982.

The following officers and directors were elected for the 1981 term: president-Horace W. Coleman, Jr.; vice president-T. Ryland Womack; secretary-R. E. McClenny, Jr.; Treasurer-O. H. Tolley, Sr.; Directors-Frank Ramsey; F. H. Sweet.

Mr. Coleman thanked all the members for their support during the past year.

## Litter control projects judged

The sixth-grade Litter Control Projects were judged at Appomattox Elementary School on Friday, December 12, completing the competition throughout the school. Winning sixth grade classrooms were Mrs. Mary Ann Almond's and Mrs. Shirley Eye's classes who tied for the $50.00 award.

Projects have been very creative and well prepared. Students have enjoyed themselves as they worked on worthwhile projects throughout the year. Winners at each grade level were:

Grade 3-Miss Morris' class;
Grade 4-Mrs. A. Gregory, Mrs. A. Berryman;
Grade 5-Mrs. N. Davis;
Grade 6-Mrs. M. Almond; Mrs. S. Eye.


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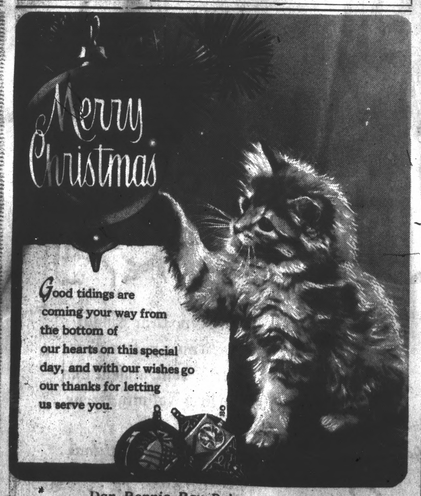
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Christmas traditions

# It's a season of two moods

By FRANCES PAULETTE

Christmas is almost here, a season of two moods, holy day and holiday. With these moods there is worship and there is much festivity. In both we find many traditions and in both we find music.

We have all been a part of the tradition of Christmas caroling at the holiday season. Let's look at some of the other traditions of Christmas.

Way back, many years ago, in a county in North Carolina, there was a Watch Night Service held in a meeting house. This service began after an early supper and ceased only when the Christmas Star was well up in the sky on Christmas morning. At home everything, all the chores were left at a standstill because families wanted to be with their children at midnight at the Watch Night Service on Christmas Eve.

Singing was solomn until midnight when the awaited crowing of the rooster proclaimed the holy hour. It was a belief that the roosters only crowed at midnight on Christmas Eve. At this signal the mood changed and the tempo of the music increased and was often accompanied clapping, hands and a kind of shuffling dance called "shouting". It got its name from the song called a "Shout"; almost shouted lines, and short shouted refrains. Specific rules, such as a ban on the crossing of feet, distinguished the "holy dance" from "sinful" or everyday dancing. A watchman was often appointed to see that the feet obeyed!

From out west we hear the story of serenaders of by-gone days. They were usually boys or men going from house to house on Christmas Eve or during the 12-day season, sometimes marching around and around each house two or three times. They would be singing, ringing of cowbells, pounding on pans and shouting until finally the door was opened and inside there was all they hoped for—warmth and refreshment of apples, cakes, nuts, cider, and perhaps more singing.

The first real Christmas cards appeared in London in 1846. Almost one thousand copies were printed and that was considered quite a large sale. It was not until about 1860 that the custom of using cards to convey Christmas greetings became popular, until now they are produced by the millions.

There is an old saying that if you quarrel or are cross on Christmas Day that things will go wrong for you the entire coming year.

Some say that the poinsettia has no Christmas tradition but the story has been told so many times of a little Mexican girl on her way to church with no gift for the Christ child. She was hurt and wondering what she could possibly find to take.

Suddenly she spied the beautiful, red poinsettias and she decided it was better take red flower than to go empty-handed.

The story would have us believe that from that very day the poinsettia was associated with Christmas.

Traditions....customs, they go on and on. What about the traditions and customs in your own family? It doesn't matter how many you have, wouldn't it be nice to add another?

Look around you.....find someone who is less fortunate than you are, someone outside of your circle of family and friends. See to it that their Christmas is merrier, You'll be glad you did! If you already have a tradition like this, God bless you!

## 4-H club news

By SYDNI JACKSON

Our president Cheryl Johns called the meeting to order. Rita Culpeper led us in the American Pledge and Joe Moss led us in the 4-H Pledge. The Recreation leaders led us in the games 7-Up and 4-Corners. Then we talked about the old and new business. The program on Christmas crafts was presented. The meeting was adjourned.

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## Mr. Sweet speaks to 4-H'ers

Our President, Kesha Haskins called the meeting to order. We said the pledge to the American and 4-H flags. The recreation leaders, Stacy Davis and Stacey Moore, led us in songs and games. Our secretary read the minutes back to our class. Mr. Sweet talked to us about public speaking. Mr. Sweet gave us some booklets of Christmas recipes and he showed us how to make decorations for our Christmas tree. Our President, Kesha Haskins, adjourned the meeting.

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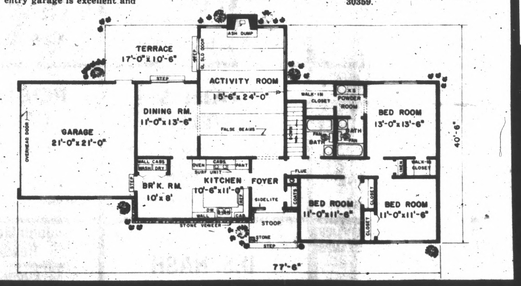


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